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From the Mayor's Desk (7-14-15)

At our July 13, 2015 Budget Workshop the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget was presented to the Commission to study and come up with changes for the next Budget Workshop. Note this is only the first workshop of several to take place before being approved later in September.

A: Recommended an increase on the Ad Valorem Tax from .003395 to .003447 which equates to the following example:

2014-2015: $\$10,000.00 \times .003395 = \33.95 per \$10,000.00

2015-2016: $\$10,000.00 \times .003447 = \34.47 per \$10,000.00 (.52 cents per \$10,000.00 Increase)

B: Recommended pay increase of 3% across the board for salaried employees and 5% across the board for hourly employees.

C: Water Rate increase by: City - 3%.

Sewer Rate increase by: City - 3%, County 9.3% = 12.3%.

This is the new rate schedule:

Water:

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Base | \$8.44 in city + .25 |
| | \$10.56 outside city + .32 |
| Per 1,000 gallons | \$3.99 in city + .12 |
| | \$4.98 outside city + .15 |

Sewer:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Base | \$24.32 in city + \$2.99 |
| | \$30.40 outside city + \$3.73 |
| Per 1,000 gallons | \$8.39 in city + \$1.03 |
| | \$10.48 outside city + \$1.29 |

Note: Garbage & Trash Rates will remain the same as well as 15% discount Senior on water base and per 1,000 gallons only.

D: Recommended the Police Department personnel increase one Investigator position and equipment.

E: Recommended \$352,132.40 for street repaving, which will complete fourteen (14) Streets, Circles, Drives or Lanes.

F: Total revenues: \$9,813,380.00 - Total expenditures: \$9,755,885.00 = Profit: \$57,495.00.

Please remember this is our first budget workshop, and the Commission will have several more meetings prior to the end of September and it may be adjusted prior to final approval. Everyone is invited to attend these workshops. While these are workshops for the commission, I will take comments from you at the end.

Also remember that we are now into Hurricane season. Please start preparing NOW and have your plan of action in the event something does come our way. It has been a long time since we had something, so as the said in older times – We Are on Browed Time.

Our Morris Manor grant has been sent out for bidding, so we should be seeing work start very soon to replace water/sewer lines and street paving on Santee Dr, David Ave and Jennings Ave.

You may contact me anytime or come by the office during normal business hours. You can also view this letter on our website at www.springfield.fl.gov.

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